



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced cooler weather yet still had above average temperatures with less than average precipitation last week according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 6.5 days in the field with these conditions.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	43	36	0
Last Week	34	42	24	0
Last Year	2	27	66	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	41	44	0
Last Week	16	40	43	1
Last Year	3	36	57	4

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 67 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 95 percent mature with 32 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 89 percent mature and 15 percent harvested at week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 43 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 90 percent harvested by week's end. Fall potatoes progressed to 86 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 34 percent harvested and were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 95 percent cut with 90 percent harvested at the end of the week.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending October 10, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	4	17	63	12
Last Year	3	12	24	46	15
Sorghum					
This Week	3	8	16	53	20
Last Year	1	2	22	65	10

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were reported in mostly fair to good condition with the dry weather. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 95 percent complete and the fourth cutting was reported at 55 percent harvested. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 10, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	2	9	34	50	5
Prev. Year - 2009	4	13	29	40	14
5-Year Avg.	7	19	39	30	5

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 10, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	67	45	62	69
Corn				
Mature	95	79	77	89
Harvested	32	19	27	25
Sorghum				
Mature	89	65	74	72
Harvested	15	4	20	20
Dry Onions				
Harvested	90	85	92	90
Dry Beans				
Cut	95	93	88	92
Harvested	90	75	67	73
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	95	92	87	95
4 th Cutting	55	41	27	37
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	86	72	83	76
Sunflowers				
Harvested	43	24	29	36
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	34	19	47	26

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	13	75	11
Alfalfa	0	1	20	65	14
Sugarbeets	0	1	7	73	19
Sunflowers	0	4	24	55	17

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.